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MINIMUM USE OF CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Scientists have advocated minimum use of chemical fertilizers;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to impart training to farmers for using useful chemical fertilizers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): At present per hectare consumption of chemical fertilizers in the country is 104.5 kg. which is much less than that of many developed countries. This level of consumption do not have any ill effect on soil fertility and its productivity.

The Govt. is promoting Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) advocating soil test based balanced and judicious use of chemical fertilizers in conjunction with organic and biofertilizers for sustainable agriculture.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is also imparting training, organizing workshops and laying field demonstrations on these aspects to educate farmers.